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Celebration,
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...and Community

Shabbat candlestick, from the exhibition: "**Shabbat at Home**"
October 27-December 10 at the P.A.S. Gallery.

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October Birthday Celebration

October 20 at 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with October birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our October Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact *Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.*

Schedule of Religious Services

Tickets are required for High Holy Day services, and reservations must be made for Sukkot dinners. Please call Naomi Lipnick at 212-3-2600 ext. 121.

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Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the High Holy Days Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robison at the organ.

Sunday, October 1
Light candles: 6:21 pm
***Erev* Yom Kippur**
1:30 pm *Mincha*
6:30 pm *Kol Nidre* Service
7:30 pm Sermon

Monday, October 2
Yom Kippur
9:00 am Morning service
11:15 am (approx) Sermon
2:45 pm *Yizkor*: Lower Level
3:00 pm *Yizkor*: Sanctuary
3:15 pm Break: Lower Level
3:45 pm Break: Sanctuary
4:15 pm *Mincha*: Sanctuary
4:45 pm *Mincha*: Lower Level
5:15 pm *N'ilah*: Sanctuary
5:45 pm *N'ilah*: Lower Level
7:15 pm Fast Ends

Friday, October 6
Light candles: 6:13 pm
***Erev* Sukkot**
6:15 pm Friday Evening service
Followed by Congregational Sukkah Shabbat Dinner $ ✆

Saturday, October 7
Sukkot
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
9:30 am *Havurah* service and Sukkot lunch
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm *Mincha*
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Zahler, son of Karen Gantz Zahler and Eric Zahler
Followed by Congregational Sukkah Dinner $ ✆

Friday, October 13
Light candles: 6:02 pm
Hoshana Rabbah
***Erev* Shemini Atzeret**
6:15 pm Friday Evening service

Saturday, October 14
Shemini Atzeret
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Simchat Torah Celebration
9:15 am Sanctuary service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
12:00 pm *Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor* Memorial Prayers
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, October 15
Simchat Torah
7:00 am *Hashkama* service

Friday, October 20
Light candles: 5:51 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening service
Children's Birthday service

Saturday, October 21
Parashat Bereshit
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Halbfinger, daughter of Lynn and Martin Halbfinger
9:15 am Junior Congregation
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Friday, October 27
Light candles: 5:41 pm
5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat*
6:15 pm Passionate Davening service
Following services Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Noam Zion $ ✆

Saturday, October 28
Parashat No'ach
Scholar-in-Residence Noam Zion
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
9:30 am *Havurah* service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:00 am *Shabbat B'yachad* service
Scholars' Lunch with Noam Zion after Havurah service ✆
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am;* **Mincha** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm*

from our Rabbi

Our theme this year is Prayer and Practice, and the point of intersection of these two pivotal Jewish mitzvot reaches its zenith in the synagogue on **Sukkot**. We don't just *observe* Sukkot; we *celebrate* it! The rabbis often refer to Sukkot as *Chag*, which means holiday, but this term masks its true identity as the *Chag, par excellence.*

After the intensity and solemnity of the High Holy Days, Sukkot is a welcome culmination to our holiday season, but it is more than that. In large part it is the sights, sounds, pageantry and aromas that make Sukkot so special. During the psalms of *Hallel* we take nature in our hands: we take the *arbaah minim*—the Four Species—which we commonly refer to as the *lulav* and the *etrog*. We shake them, hear that familiar and enchanting rustling of the palm branch, smell the *etrog* and then inhale its lingering aroma on our hands. Later in the service we take the *arbaah minim* once again and march with them. And whether you are a part of the pageantry, using either your own *lulav* and *etrog* or a borrowed set, or an observer from your seat, the sight of this unique *Hoshanot* procession evokes a sense of wonder.

And we're not done yet: for most us, living in an urban environment precludes the possibility of building our own sukkah; the only sukkah we can experience is the magnificent one constructed on the synagogue's roof. Entering it is like entering an enchanted environment.

Sometimes our most profound experiences are to be found not in lofty concepts or the sophisticated or the complex, but in the simple joys of the moment....

Beautification is the operative word on Sukkot. Everything we do is supposed to be embellished and enhanced to increase our enjoyment. The torah refers to the *etrog* as "*pri eitz hadar*"—"fruit of a *beautiful* tree", and from that, all things associated with Sukkot are supposed to excel in *beauty*—each of the *arbaah minim*, the case for carrying the *etrog*, and of course the sukkah itself, as well as its interior decorations. We call this concept *hidur mitzvah.*

Sometimes our most profound experiences are to be found not in lofty concepts or the sophisticated or the complex, but in the simple joys of the moment, executed with care.

So, if you have never experienced Sukkot at Park Avenue Synagogue, or if it has been too long since you last attended Sukkot services, why don't you consider extending your holiday season to include Sukkot and claim the joy of this *chag* for yourself?

Chag Samei'ach!

Sukkot begins on Friday evening, October 6. We use the *lulav* and *etrog* each morning beginning on Sunday, October 8 and continuing through morning *minyanim* on Friday, October 13. In addition to *kiddushim* in the sukkah following each service on the first weekend of Sukkot, you may make reservations for catered dinners held on each evening of the *chag*. Detailed information about Sukkot is contained elsewhere in this bulletin.

Kenneth A. Stern
Rabbi

Soon Menachem Rosensaft, our president, or I will address all of you about the importance of giving to the Synagogue. You have all received a letter requesting your support through our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal and many of you have also received phone calls. The question I am asked is, "Why do we run the appeal? Why do we need each and every congregant to participate to the maximum of his or her capabilities, to give generously, to put Park Avenue Synagogue as a high priority on the list of their philanthropic choices?"

This past summer I enjoyed spending a lot of time in the Synagogue. It crystallized yet again for me, the immeasurable value Park Avenue Synagogue plays in the life of its members. I attended the final show of our day camp—watching two-and-a-half to four-year-olds sing songs about Shabbat and enjoy Israeli dancing made the future of the Jewish people seem bright. Watching the young parents of these campers in our Synagogue celebrating this moment made me see the special gift a Synagogue can give to its young families as they begin their Jewish journeys. In this same week, I joined the prayer and practice-sponsored walk through Central Park. Many of this group had participated in the Israeli summer film festival and spoke of how much they appreciated feeling part of a community when the city seemed so empty. We also had a rooftop singles party. The roof was packed—the P.A.S. singles group thought "Park Avenue was the place to be'" This party was followed by an address to the congregation from Aryeh Mekel, Israel's consul general. The sanctuary was full on a Thursday night in the summer.

Our congregation has been responsive to the need to know as much as possible about what was going on in Israel.

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This short window in time is reflective of the wonderful programs held throughout the year guided by our gifted professionals and clergy. Much goes on in this Synagogue: congregants of all ages are touched by what happens here. How is it all funded?

Our Synagogue has an approximately $8 million budget. Dues and tuition account for only about 75% of this budget. What makes up the difference? You, our members, by the charitable contributions you make. We are a fiscally responsible institution. Every single expenditure is assessed. We come in on budget. We are a diverse congregation, which includes members with varying degrees of financial capabilities, and all of the trustees believe that our Synagogue must remain accessible. Those who can MUST pay for those who cannot. It is through the *Kol Nidre* Appeal and our annual gala that we raise the necessary funds.

Your gift touches all generations and impacts the future of your people. Your synagogue is your community and your community needs you. Thank you for your continued support.

Once again, I want to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and meaningful new year.

Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion that is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal that precedes the fast of *Erev* Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early, so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown. (Our *Kol Nidre* service begins at 6:30 pm.)

Following the *Birkat HaMazo*n —the grace after meals— the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vetzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.
Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, Shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part to the extent that they are able to.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing the Children

It is the tradition that before leaving for the *Kol Nidre* service parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

For Sons: ***May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph.***

For Daughters: ***May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.***

Forgiveness

Just before leaving the house to attend the *Kol Nidre* service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done knowingly or unknowingly during the year.

Tzedakah

As a caring community, congregants are asked to consider the needs of the synagogue at the *Kol Nidre* Appeal and the two social outreach programs that it supports all year round: The Food Pantry and the *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach. Congregants are asked to respond as generously as possible to the *Kol Nidre* appeal. The funds generated by this annual campaign help balance the annual budget of the synagogue, which includes the religious school program and social service outreach programs. The Food Pantry, operated by our high school students, supplies weekly food packages to more than one hundred poor families in our neighborhood. The cost of this program is $20 per family per week. Let your heart dictate how you wish to support this important project.

Reminders for *Kol Nidre*

"Sneak into Shul"
It is customary not to wear leather shoes.

"Sneak in Early"
The service must begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Bring Your Talit:
The only night of the year on which we wear a Talit.

All About Sukkot and Simchat Torah

The festival of Sukkot derives its name from the sukkah, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The sukkah is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce: The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadasim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end. The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service: during *Hallel*, right after morning *Amidah*, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday, except on Shabbat, when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession.

The festival of Sukkot begins on the 15th day of Tishri, and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Chol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays; while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the Sabbath, we continue to eat meals in the sukkah and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter Sukkah, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof and decorated by the Congregational Parents' Association. A *Kiddush* takes place in the Ritter Sukkah following every service during Sukkot, and dinner is served there almost every night of Sukkot.

The eighth day of Sukkot is treated as a separate holiday in and of itself and is called Shemini Atzeret, the "Eighth Day of Assembly." We no longer eat in the sukkah, and in Israel prayers for rain are recited during the service. The *Yizkor* Memorial Prayers are also recited on Shemini Atzeret.

Shemini Atzeret is followed by the joyous festival of Simchat Torah, the "Rejoicing of Torah." It is during the morning service on Simchat Torah that the last verse and the first verse of the Torah are read, a bold demonstration of our belief that the study of Torah is never-ending. We march joyfully in *hakafot* (processions), in which we carry the Scrolls of the Law. At this service two of our congregants are honored for their contributions to the synagogue and to the Jewish community.

Sukkah Art Workshop

Sunday, October 1
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sukkot is Friday, October 6. Participate in our Sukkah Art Workshop.

Lulav and Etrog Sale

Sunday, October 1
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Buy your *Lulav* and *Etrog* at the Sukkah Art Workshop.

Have you made your reservations for Sukkot dinner?

If not, call **Naomi Lipnick at 212-369-2600 ext. 121** to see if you can be accommodated.

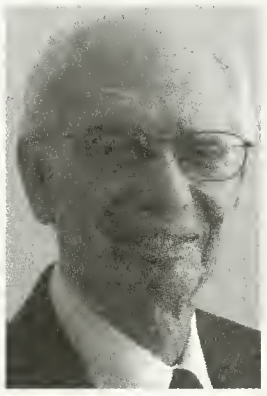
Honoring our Members at Simchat Torah

During Simchat Torah, Park Avenue Synagogue honors two of our members who have contributed in important ways to the life of our synagogue and to the Jewish community. In accordance with this tradition, this year during our Simchat Torah service on **Saturday, October 14, at 9:15 am**, we will honor and call to the Torah two very special congregants: Dr. Zanvel "Zane" Liff and Joan Schefler.

Joan Schefler

Joan K. Schefler has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue since 1983, and has consistently been an important contributor to its programs and activities...as well as being the mother and grandmother of three daughters and nine grandchildren who are all products of the PASECC and members themselves. She is now a co-editor (with Jean Rosensaft) of our prestigious magazine "*Rayonot.*" Joan brings to that job her professional experience as editor of "Tarbut," a journal of culture for the American-Israel Cultural Foundation and as a researcher and writer for the NBC White Paper series and her educational background that includes a graduate degree in political science from Columbia University and a Bachelor's from Cornell. But that is not all that Joan does for us: she is a member of the Board of Trustees, involved in programming for WEG, active in Moonbeams, and serves on the Family Education Committee.

Dr. Zanvel "Zane" Liff



Deeply involved in many aspects of life at Park Avenue Synagogue, as a participant in the weekly *Havurah* service, contributor of a thoughtful article in the current issue of *Rayonot*, and as an innovative member of the Men's Club, Dr. Liff combines his professional skills with his concern for his congregation.

Known as Zane since his days at City College, Dr. Liff, a psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice, and a frequent writer and teacher, brings his special insights with him to Torah study and discussion. He developed the meaningful program, "Hearing Men's Voices" at the Men's Club: a relaxed yet controlled setting for men to have penetrating discussions, led by a professional (often Dr. Liff himself) of subjects that interest them, in a way that few men are able to do.

Scholar-in-Residence

October 26, 27, 28, 29

Noam Zion, educated at Columbia University in New York and Hebrew University, is a member of the faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel, and coordinates TICHON, an intensive curriculum development project for Jewish schools in America.

His extensive experience in Jewish education includes his work with the Bill Moyers PBS series on Genesis. He has been researching, writing and teaching about a renaissance in home-made Judaism, providing resources for the creative empowerment of Jews to customize their own holiday experience at home and has written and edited many books, including "*Sipurei Reshit*" (2002), a Hebrew anthology on contemporary readings of Genesis with his daughter; and with his son he published a pluralist Israeli Haggadah entitled "*Halaila Hazeh*" (2004).

Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Noam Zion

Friday, October 27

Reservations required, $35 per adult, $15 per child under age 12

Following 6:15 pm "Passionate Davening" Shabbat service.

Scholars' Lunch with Noam Zion

Saturday, October 28

Reservations required, free of charge

Following 9:15 am Shabbat service.

Archives

The Synagogue has a vast and rich history that should be preserved. Toward that end, we have begun an Archives Project that involves the collection, organization and cataloguing of written materials, photographs and memorabilia of the Park Avenue Synagogue. We will use the Archives to enhance our 125th year celebration. We are creating a synagogue time-line and special exhibits using the memorabilia from our Archives. We would greatly appreciate the donation or loan of any documents, photographs or artifacts that you or your family might possess. Also, within the departments of the Synagogue, we plan to create a system for the collection of items for many years to come. The greater the participation of congregants, the greater the Archives will be!

Contact *Laurie Harris, 212-570-9628 or mllcharris@aol.com; or Marcia Stone, 212-570-6239, or mstone8072@aol.com.*

Jewish Theological Seminary Resources

The Jewish Theological Seminary is an extraordinarily rich resource for all of us. Their theme for this year is compelling: "Think-Engage-Listen-Learn." A fascinating series of programs is planned for fall, dealing with medicine, ethics, and same-sex marriage.

You can get details and register at www.jtsa.edu, (go to Public Events), or call 212-280-6093.

In addition, the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary's priceless and unique holdings is now available to each of us at home. You can access these materials whenever you wish by logging on the Library's new website www.jtslibrarytreasures.org.

Men's Club

New Members' Reception
Tuesday October 24, 7:00 pm

Men's Club members only. Dues can be paid at the door. New members of P.A.S. receive their first year's membership in the Men's Club at no cost. This is our welcoming party for them. Food and beverages are served. Old and new members get to know one another better. We have the opportunity to explain our planned activities and *tzedakah* for the year ahead.

Sisterhood

Yiddish Club
Tuesday, October 17 at 1:30 pm

The Yiddish Club will meet for conversation and literary discussion in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served.

Visit the Museum of Temple Emanu-El
Tuesday, October 24 at 1:30 pm

The Sisterhood is sponsoring a guided tour of the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum at Temple Emanu-El. Among the treasures at this fascinating museum are two outstanding collections of Judaica: the Lehman and Toch collections. The objects displayed represent a rich spiritual and artistic heritage. This tour is free and open to all members of P.A.S. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of 1 East 65th Street.

Daytime Book Discussion Group
Monday, October 30 at 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library to discuss "Shadows of a Childhood" by Elisabeth Gille and enjoy some coffee and cake. Even if you have not yet read the book, don't hesitate to come and listen to the discussion.

P.A.S. Israel Committee

The mission of the Israel Committee is to educate all segments of our community—from our youngest students to our most mature congregants; to boost our collective sense of connection to the historic land (*Eretz Yisrael*) and to the modern State of Israel, and to express, in balanced and appropriate ways, our communal support of Israel. The Israel Committee serves the P.A.S. community by providing programming, awareness and a unified commitment of purpose in support of the State of Israel.

For more information
please call the co-chairs, Doree Greenberg, at 212-628-6181; or Kathy Grunfeld at 212-580-9153.

During the current difficult situation in the Mideast, as we try to support our brethren in Israel, we will keep the congregation informed and involved through the immediacy of e-mails and on our website at www.pasyn.org.

Sisterhood *-October activities continued*

Study Jewish Thought and Practice With Rabbi Stern
Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am

On Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am Rabbi Kenneth Stern teaches a course on Jewish thought and practice in an informal roundtable setting in the Rothschild Library. Short readings are used as the basis for wide-ranging discussions of noted thinkers and the issues their work raises for today's Jews. This course is free and open to all members of P.A.S. Don't hesitate to drop in and sample a class.

Tikkun Olam

Even One Hour of Service Can Make a Difference

Come join us for our exciting new programming; Come and be involved in this year's Mitzvah Day; Come help us identify needs in our community that should be addressed; Come bring your ideas; Come and be part of the solution in this stressful world; JUST COME!

Contact *Co-Chairs: Lite Sabin: sabinmail@aol.com and Marlene Muskin: idts52@aol.com or 212- 427-8778.*

Community Mitzvah Initiative
Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30 am

Please join *Tikkun Olam* and *Bikur Cholim* on our second visit to The Jewish Home and Hospital at 120 West 106th Street for a Sukkot celebration on Tuesday, October 10th, 10:30–11:30 am. Call Rabbi Lincoln's secretary to sign up: 212-369-2600 ext. 120.

The *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach
Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm

The *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach works in cooperation with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty to help Soviet immigrants with their needs.

WEG (Women's Evening Group)

Meet Author Maggie Anton
Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 pm

If ever there was a reason to become a member or to renew your membership in the Women's Evening Group, THIS IS IT! Maggie Anton, the brilliant author of "Rashi's Daughters," will meet and greet members of the Women's Evening Group at a Members Only program, to take place at Park Avenue Synagogue, on "Book One: Joheved," which is the first of three planned authentic historic novels by Anton of Rashi's three daughters. Ruchama King Feuerman, author of "Seven Blessings," writing in the "World Jewish Digest," had this to say about Anton and this amazing novel: "The immersion into the world of 11th Century Troyes, France, is complete...I am particularly grateful for Anton's vivid and careful research, which throws a fascinating light on the everyday life of Rashi and his family...(the) wedding night scene (is) worthy of "The Red Tent."

Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet this dynamic, down-to-earth, feminist author who will speak to us about the process of writing the novel and the novel, itself; and sign copies (book is available at Barnes & and Noble and on Amazon.com or at the program) as WEG launches Jewish Book Month at Park Avenue Synagogue.

If not already a member, your check for $48.00, made payable to Women's Evening Group and mailed to the synagogue to the attention of Women's Evening Group, makes you a bona fide member for 2006-7. New members of the synagogue are honorary members of the Women's Evening Group for the first year of synagogue membership.

Join today; come to this exceptional WEG program on October 31, beginning at 7:00 pm. Enjoy a lavish dessert menu; you will have a wonderful time, guaranteed!

WEG: Moonbeams Rosh Chodesh Study and Discussion
Monday, October 23 at 7:30 pm

"Moonbeams" is multi-generational, meeting every month on or close to Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the Jewish month, which, our tradition teaches us, was the day of rest/holiday presented to women in thanks for their refusal to give over their gold jewelry to make the Golden Calf. Study of text, refreshments, and socializing are part of the Moonbeams experience. The study of text will continue to mirror the synagogue's annual theme.

We invite women of the congregation and community interested in joining a unique group with women of like mind and interest to join us. **For more information**, *contact Joann Rosoff, 212-348-4531 or Joan Schefler, 212-734-0444.*

Brunch in the Jewish Theological Seminary Sukkah
Monday, October 9 at 11:00 am

The Metropolitan Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, invites the Women's Evening Group and Sisterhood to Brunch on Monday, October 9 at 11:00 am. Brunch will be followed by a Rare Book Room lecture with David Wachtel and a tour of the Seminary (122nd Street and Broadway). Cost $18.00/person; Checks payable to Metbranch,WLCJ. Send to: Sharon Steinberg, 526 East 20 Street #1D, New York 10009.

Deadline *October 3, 2006*

October *B'Nai Mitzvah*

Benjamin Zahler October 7, 2006

Benjamin Zahler began his education at Park Avenue Synagogue pre-school and continued his studies under the supervision of both the Synagogue and Isaac Dovere. He participated in Mitzvah Day and Project Ezra, delivering Passover meals to the elderly on the Lower East Side and in many Shabbat on the beach with the East Hampton Jewish Center.

Ben is a seventh grade student at the Riverdale Country School. He loves competing in tennis, chess, roller hockey, and debating politics and history with friends and teammates at school and Camp Greylock.

Preparing for his Bar Mitzvah and his recent family trip to Israel has strengthened Ben's already solid awareness of the world around him and the need for *tikkun olam.* Through the UJA-Federation of New York's *Give a Mitzvah—Do a Mitzvah* project, Ben played chess weekly with a homebound elderly man. In addition, Ben and his sister Ariel presented toys, books, and other educational materials to the Gantz Kindergarten in the Kiryat Yovel section of Jerusalem, founded by their grandfather Manny and his brother Freddy. Through the JDC-sponsored AMEN Project, Ben volunteered along with Israeli counterparts in Raman Hasharam playing chess with the elderly and teaching computer skills to those less fortunate.

Caroline Alison Halbfinger October 21, 2006

Carly Halbfinger has been a student at Park Avenue Synagogue's Congregational School since second grade. A highlight of her involvement in the synagogue community was her trip to Israel with her family and other congregation members in December, 2004.

Carly is a spirited, fun-loving, compassionate person. She is an enthusiastic seventh grader at Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School where she enjoys creative writing, social studies and her weekly tennis game with friends.

During the summer, Carly attends Tripp Lake Camp in Maine where her favorite activities are tennis, canoeing and photography. Outside of school, Carly likes to spend time with her extended family and friends. She loves to travel and has visited other synagogues in London, Paris, Rome and Venice.

Carly will read from *Parashat B'reishit* and *Haftarah Machar Hodesh.* She would like to thank the clergy, teachers and staff of Park Avenue Synagogue for their help in preparing her to become a bat mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to Joele and Andrew Levenson, on the birth of Sasha Emily, granddaughter of Joan and Martin Levenson, and great-granddaughter of Mildred Levine Finkel.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Daitz
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davidson
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dunn
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Eizenstat
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Falk
Mr. and Mrs. Brett Goldberg
Ms. Arin P. Goldman
Mrs. Dorothy Tapper Goldman
Mr. Jonathan Horn
Ms. Shana D. Madoff
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mero
Mr. and Ms. Kenneth Newman
Ms. Beth C. Ring
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schaul
Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Sullum
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wagner
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wolf
Drs. Joshua Zimm and Allyson Ocean

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families, including:

~ Barry R. Frankel, *on the passing of his mother, Ceil Frankel* ~ Michael Fruchtman, *on the passing of his father, Dr. Robert B. Fruchtman* ~ Dr. David C. Helfgott, *on the passing of his father, Howard Helfgott* ~ Sylvia Hill, *on the passing of her husband, Fred H. Hill* ~ Jamie Klein, *on the passing of her brother, Jeffrey Deutsch* ~ Rosanne Lander, *on the passing of her father, Gerson Kaiserman* ~ Hilary Moses, *on the passing of her mother, Judith Linda Silverstein* ~ Lori S. Schreiber, *on the passing of her father, Leo Appelbaum* ~ The family of the late Lillian Levitt

Study Talmud and Torah on Tuesdays

Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln

Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am

Study Jewish Thought and Practice with Rabbi Stern

Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am

Sponsored by Sisterhood, this course is free and open to all members of P.A.S. *See Page 10 for more details.*

The P.A.S. Gallery Exhibitions

September 8-October 22
Archie Rand: Selections From The Eighteen
Reception with the artist: October 4 at 6:00 pm

Archie Rand has done significant work as a painter, muralist, graphic artist, illustrator, and writer, with work displayed in major museums worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Chicago Art Institute, the *Bibliothèque Nationale* in Paris, and the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. The Brooklyn-born Rand is featured in the P.A.S. Art Gallery through the month of October.

October 27-December 10
Shabbat at Home

This exhibition will feature Shabbat ritual objects belonging to the congregants of P.A.S. Highlighted objects will include those with an interesting family history, art and design, or significant place of origin. View new and old objects that enrich our community's celebration of Shabbat at home.

Family Education/*Kehillah* Tot Shabbat

Saturday, October 7
11:15 am-12:00 pm

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.

Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Friday, October 27
5:15-6:00 pm

Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and pre-school-aged children, parents, grandparents and friends on Friday night.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

In Loving Memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.*

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact *Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.*

PASYN.ORG

P.A.S Is Just a *Echatzl** Away

Park Avenue Synagogue's website, **www.pasyn.org** has the latest news, events, and times for any synagogue-related activity. And it also has lots of information about classes, programs, events, people, organizations, and meetings. Sign up for e-mail notifications! Communicate with our clergy and staff!

* *click*

Classes are $35 for P.A.S. members and $50 for non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Register at AdultEd@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext.140.

Learn Hebrew on Mondays

Fall Semester: October 16, 23, 30, November 13, 20, 27, December 4 & 11
Winter/Spring Semester: January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12 & 19

Prayer Book Hebrew for Advanced Beginners

6:30-7:30 pm, Sarah Gribetz, instructor

Conversational Hebrew for Advanced Beginners

6:30-7:30 pm, Andi Meiseles, instructor

Intermediate Modern Hebrew

7:30-9:00 pm, Varda Hubara, instructor

Judaica Classics by Doina
125 East 85th Street, NYC, NY 10028
(212) 722-4271
See our display in the lobby of P.A.S.

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Andrew Fier, *President*

The Paradigmatic Spiritual Journey in Biblical Literature

Tuesdays, October 3, 17, 24, 31
8:00-9:00 pm
Rabbi Joseph Brodie, instructor

Texts: Genesis 23-37 with selections from 44-49

Our forefather, Jacob, Ya'acov Avinu, presents the Bible's most complex psychological protagonist. Both hero and anti-hero, dreamer and self-promoter, as well as a deceiver and himself deceived, Jacob struggles with his father, his sibling, his sons and even a mysterious being, perhaps an angel. We will engage Jacob on his journey from youth to maturity, from beneficiary to benefactor, as we read between the lines.

Rabbi Joseph A. Brodie has been associated with the Jewish Theological Seminary since 1955, where he is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs and Adjunct Instructor of Professional and Pastoral Skills. Rabbi Brodie graduated from the Joint Program of the School of General Studies of Columbia University and the Teachers Institute of JTS in 1961. He received his master's degree from JTS in 1964, was ordained there in 1966, and received an honorary doctorate in 1992. Rabbi Brodie is a beloved teacher around the world and has lectured on biblical themes in various communities around the country, as well as the JTS Lehrhaus program and for the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Judaism, But Were Afraid to Ask

Ongoing Wednesdays
beginning October 18
10:30 am-12:00 pm
Free of Charge

Expecting? Before The Stork Arrives

Tuesday, October 3 at 8:00 pm
Free of Charge

Spend a calm, leisurely hour with Rabbi Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before the stork arrives and you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn.

Congregational School

Ron Koas, Education Director

Our Congregational School was notified that our own Rina Moscovitz, our nominee for the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education, was one of the recipients of the prestigious award. Here is how we described her:

Rina Moscovitz: a teacher of excellence.

Rina Moscovitz has been an asset to our Congregational School in terms of the professional expertise and experience she brings to bear on the work she does with our students. She is always extremely prepared for every lesson. She not only uses the assigned textbooks, but also puts great effort into creating additional materials, such as attractive and engaging visual aids to make learning more hands-on and effective. Ms. Moscovitz's background as an artist and art educator clearly enable her to create a bright and attractive learning atmosphere.

I find Rina Moscovitz to be a highly motivated, devoted, and hard working teacher. In particular, I have been impressed by her drive to do things in the best and most organized fashion possible.

Rina Moscovitz is always open to working with her colleagues, exchanging ideas, sharing materials and resources regarding curriculum, computer skills, assessment or progress report methods. In particular Rina Moscovitz uses her experience and mentor/coach skills to guide younger and new teachers with whatever they need.

Rina has a warm personality, an authentic approach and compassion. She treats her students with great respect, an open mind and a positive outlook while striving for excellence and high achievement.

Rina Moscovitz continuously offers and encourages students to come earlier before class to receive extra individual instruction and catch up with their studies.

Her classes are full to the maximum capacity yet students from other classes request to be transferred to her class as well as new students to the school. She always accepts a motivated student and never turns anyone down.

In addition to all the educator qualities and actions I have mentioned above, Ms. Rina Moscovitz is a unique role model for all who know her. Her courage, determination and extraordinary capacity to overcome her childhood speech impediment are an inspiration to administrators, staff members and students. Her school experience has been kept fresh in her mind. She knows what it was like to have a speech impediment (stuttering) which kept her fending for herself, silent and isolated for most of her younger school experience. Rina succeeded in transforming that experience and turning it into a blessing.

The speech impediment did not hinder her or undermine her spirit seeking higher education although not in her native country or language. The long and difficult journey she has taken, having the vision and the will using her artistic talents, creativity and the gift of teaching have led her to devote her life to "being there" for her students, both emotionally and academically so they can grow up to become the best adults they can be.

For all of our students and those who are struggling with speech impediments or other disorders, Ms. Rina Moscovitz is a real life example—one they can carry with them throughout their lives modeling with her actions: "You can achieve anything you want—nothing can stop you, go for it!"

Summer Day Camp

Lisa Samick, Director of High School and Youth Programs

It is hard to believe that it is October already and we are gearing up for a new season of Day Camp 2007. It seems like just yesterday when we were staying cool in the pool and running through the sprinklers.

We are undergoing a bit of a marketing transformation with a brand new name—Camp *Keshet* (means Rainbow) at the Park Avenue Synagogue and a fantastic brochure. Look for our mailing in the next few months and don't miss the members-only opportunity to pre-register for the 2007 session.

This past summer was an amazing seven weeks on the fifth and sixth floors. Our incredible staff facilitated more than 120 campers through exciting activities and projects. Our specialists this year were a particular highlight—*shira* (music), *omanut* (arts and crafts), *tarboot* (Hebrew and Israeli culture), movement and instructional swim.

Check out our pictures on the website and don't miss the opportunity to be a part of our great community next summer!

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School is chosen for amazing community service program

Lisa Samick, Director of High School and Youth Programs

The American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is an independent not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 to help alleviate poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the world regardless of race, religion or nationality. It breathes life into Judaism's imperative to pursue justice and helps American Jews act upon a deeply felt obligation to improve the chances for survival, economic independence and human dignity for all people.

For the past six years, AJWS has been partnering with various university student organizations (mostly chapters of Hillel) to run Alternative Breaks where students travel and experience grassroots, sustainable, development and focus on the connections between social justice, community service and Judaism.

This year, our Hebrew High School has been chosen as one of the few high school groups to participate as their own group. During the first week of Spring Break, fifteen of our 10th–12th graders will travel to El Salvador as a Park Avenue Synagogue delegation for service, study and cross-cultural exchange.

Past participants have shared these thoughts from their experience:

"I have spent most of my life wishing that I was a superhero, as many people have. After going on this trip, I now know that anyone can be a hero, all it takes is the dedication to not stop trying to make change in the world."
—David, University of Pennsylvania

"Unlike a typical spring break vacation at the beach, this trip profoundly impacted my life and my views on the world. I am left with not only my memories of a wonderful week, but with a passion to become further involved in social justice. I wish I had done something like this sooner."
—Emily, NYU

If you would like more information about our trip or would like to apply to participate, please contact Lisa Samick at 212-369-2600 ext 141. We have limited space for this program.

You can see the mission statement at www.ajws.org.

Children's and School Programs :OCTOBER 2006

Sunday, October 1
10:00 am Sukkah Art/Decorating Workshop
10:00 am *Lulav/Etrog* Sale

Wednesday, October 4
6:30 pm ECC Meeting
Yellow & Green Room Parents

Thursday, October 5
6:30 pm ECC Meeting
Red & Blue Room Parents

Saturday, October 7
Sukkot
11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, October 8
Kadima Sukkah Sleepover

Tuesday, October 10
ECC Sukkah Meals
Blue, Yellow, Purple PM Rooms

Wednesday, October 11
ECC Sukkah Meals
Red & Orange Rooms
6:30 pm HS Family Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 12
ECC Sukkah Meals
Blue, Yellow, Purple AM Rooms
6:30 pm Cong. School Pizza in the Hut
Sukkah Dinner (All Grades)

Saturday, October 14 · Shemini Atzeret
9:15 am Simchat Torah Celebration
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service

Thursday, October 19
5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Seminar

Friday, October 20
Children's Birthday service

Saturday, October 21
9:15 am Junior Congregation
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service

Sunday, October 22
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
10:00 am HS Social Action Program
Kadima and *Ruach* group event
Rosh Chodesh: It's a girl thing!

Friday, October 27
5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat* Shabbat

Saturday, October 28
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:00 am *Shabbat B'yachad* Service

Sunday, October 29
11:00 am HS Film Festival

Monday, October 30
4:30 pm CS *Zayin T'fillin* Workshop

Bikur Cholim

Dr. Paula Bernstein, *in memory of her beloved grandmother, Clara Bernstein.*
Joan and Howard Goldberg, *in honor of their special anniversary.*

Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Abraham Gelman.*

High School Food Pantry

Mr. Leon Demb, *to thank his partners in Bikur Cholim and all the congregants for their support.*
Mrs. Phyllis Gallahou, *in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaffe on their 50th Anniversary.*
Anita and Sheera Gluck, Freema, Arielle and Gabrielle Nagler, *in loving memory of a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather Hyman Strum.*
Herta and Ernest Gottschalk, *in honor of Mark and Sarita Fraier's daughter Rachel, in celebration of her wedding.*
Ms. Racheline G. Habousha, *in honor of Daniel Hayim Cohen's graduation from High School.*
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Mrs. Sheila Miller, *in honor of her birthday.*

Stephanie Lynn Kossoff College Fund

Mrs. Phyllis Kossoff, *in memory of her beloved daughter, Stephanie Lynn Kossoff, and her beloved husband, Burton Kossoff.*

Liturgical Music Fund

Mrs. Babette Balis, *in memory of her beloved mother, Julia Hoexter.*
Elaine, Eric and Elliot Balis, *in memory of their nanny Julia.*

Prayer Book Fund

Mr. Herman Rosen, *in memory of his beloved father, Isidore Rosen.*
Wendy, Howard, and Samantha Slavin, *in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fruchtman.*

Welfare Fund

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Prashker.*
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mutterperl, *in memory of Ethyl Zitserman.*

Synagogue Offerings

Dr. Herbert Abrams, *in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Abrams.*
Dr. Herbert Abrams, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mrs. Melody Alstodt, *in memory of her beloved mother, Beulah Priceman*
Mr. Albert Appel, *in memory of his beloved father, Morris (Dick) Appel.*
Mr. Bernard Breslin, *in memory of his beloved father, Charles Breslin.*
Ms. Nancy Bronstein, *in memory of her beloved father, Herbert Katz.*
Mr. Robert Ceisler, *in memory of his beloved mother, Elizabeth Ceisler.*
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chavkin, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Carol Yavers Cohen, *in memory of her beloved mother, Estelle Yavers.*
Mr. Theodore Cohn, *in memory of his beloved wife, Dina Cohn.*
Mr. and Mrs. David Cook.
Florence and Jeffrey Edelstein, *in memory of Richard Janvey's mother.*
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, *in memory of her beloved husband, Alex Eisenberg.*
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, *in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gershenson.*
Mrs. Bonnie Englebardt, *in memory of her beloved husband, Henry Englebardt.*
Mr. Bernard Feinberg, *in memory of his beloved mother, Libby Feinberg.*
Sarita and Mark Fraier, *with thanks to our many friends at Park Avenue Synagogue for their kind wishes and expressions of joy, celebrating the marriage of our daughter Rachel to Mr. Colby Makowsky.*
Sarita and Mark Fraier, *thanking Rabbi Kenneth Stern for the beautiful and meaningful service that he conducted at the marriage of our daughter Rachel to Mr. Colby Makowsky.*
Mrs. Barbara Freitag, *in memory of her beloved mother, Audrey Heller.*
Mr. Frederick Friedman, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mrs. Eugenie Fromer, *in memory of her beloved husband, Leon Fromer.*

Mrs. Sarah Gelber, *in memory of her beloved brother, Mordohay Azaryad.*
Mrs. Maxine Gilbert, *in memory of her beloved father, Abe Senter.*
Mr. Charles Greenberg, *in memory of his beloved mother, Esther Greenberg.*
Dr. and Ms. Gordon Heller, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mr. Leon Heller, *in memory of his beloved sister, Florence Eunice Rampil.*
Dr. Neal Kaplan, *in memory of his beloved father, Samuel Kaplan.*
Jeannie and Gerald Kligman, *in memory of Margaret Putterman, mother of our friends Gail and Lester Rosenkrantz.*
Rhoda and Howard Lazarus and Family, *in memory of Elsie Goll.*
Mrs. Linda Levine, *in memory of her beloved father, Harry Rothman.*
Mrs. Lucy Lipiner, *in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Mandelbaum.*
Mrs. Marion Madoff, *in memory of her beloved mother, Ray Schwartzberg.*
Ms. Marjorie Magner, *in memory of her beloved father, Max Magner.*
Mr. Robert Miller, *in memory of his beloved father, Hyman Miller.*
Mr. Martin Milston, *in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Milston.*
Mrs. Mendelle Milston, *in memory of her beloved mother and father, Boscea and Max Noble.*
Mrs. Janet Moss, *in memory of her beloved father, Oscar Wald.*
Mrs. Felice Muchnick, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris Greenberg.*
Mr. Howard Muchnick, *in memory of his beloved mother, Sophie Muchnick.*
Dr. Barbara Paris, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Walter Peretz, *in memory of his beloved father, Joseph Peretz.*
Mr. and Ms. John Philipp, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Brian F. Pollack, *in memory of his beloved sister, Doris Roberts.*
Dr. Sheila Erlich-Pruzansky, *in honor of her birthday.*
Barbara and Kenneth Seplow, *in honor of Jonathan and Martha Cohen's 50th wedding anniversary.*
Dr. Gloria Shafer, *in memory of her beloved father, Charles Siegel.*
Mrs. Helen Shapiro, *in memory of her beloved father, Julius Lipshitz.*
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Samuel Shapiro.*
Mrs. Esther Silver, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved brother-in-law, Reuben Sklaver.*
Mr. Andrew Silverstein, *in memory of his beloved father, Sanford Silverstein.*
Mrs. Carol Silverstein, *in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Chepenik.*
Mrs. Carol Silverstein, *in memory of her beloved mother, Betty Chepenik.*
Mr. and Mrs. James Simons, *in memory of their beloved son, Nicholas Simons.*
Molly Sokel and Family, *in memory of Elise Goll.*
Dr. and Mrs. William Solomon, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mr. Victor Struber, *in memory of his beloved father, Michael Struber.*
Mrs. Karla Toledano, *in memory of her beloved father, Milton Sloves.*
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Treiger, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Janet Weisberg, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris Weisberg.*
Mrs. Elaine Weitzman, *in memory of her beloved mother, Anne Samet.*
Ms. Irene Winkelman, *in memory of her beloved sister, Ruth W. Wender.*
Dr. Audrey Woolrich, *in memory of her beloved sister, Felice Woolrich.*

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Camp Scholarship Fund
Mr. Mordecai Rochlin
Mr. and Mrs. James Ross

Tikkun Olam "Something from Home"

Do you know a soldier far from home in need of a care package? Give us their name and APO and *Tikkun Olam* will send them "Something from Home."

Contact *our Co-Chairs to give us your soldier's name and address or to volunteer: Erica Choset: ericachoset@gmail.com, Marlene Muskin: idts52@aol.com (212) 427-8778*

Join American Jewish World Service and the Park Avenue Synagogue in El Salvador from March 25, 2007-April 1, 2007

Join other Park Avenue Synagogue teens to experience:

☞ **Service:** working in a community development project;
☞ **Study:** learning about social justice within a Jewish framework;
☞ **Cross-cultural exchange:** living, working and playing in El Salvador

We are now accepting applications for students in grades 10-12

For more information: call Lisa Samick at 212-369-2600, ext.141

Save the date for

The Prayer and Practice Night of Shabbat Dinners

December 8
following 6:15 pm services

Our 2006 theme of *Prayer and Practice* will culminate with the extraordinary night of congregational Shabbat dinners in the homes of our members. After Shabbat services, host and guest families and singles will sit together to enjoy dinner, conversation, and community.

Watch for your mailbox for an invitation to this special event.

Participate in our 125th Anniversary Celebration

With your photographs, memorabilia, stories, documents, and memories.

Contact *Laurie Harris, 212-570-9628 or mllcharris @aol.com; or Marcia Stone, 212-570-6239, or mstone8072@aol.com.*

Calling All P.A.S. Authors

Have you written a book this year? Is one being published before November, 2006? If so, we would like to showcase it at our annual Synagogue Book Fair, November 6-9.

Please contact *Rachael First, 212-794-6555, rs1st@aol.com, or Susan Edelstein, 212-517-6217, sam711@earthlink.net.*

Seeking Personal Reminiscences About P.A.S. History and Congregational Life

A special issue of "*Rayonot*: A Journal of Ideas" in celebration of P.A.S.'s 125th anniversary is being prepared. The editors are seeking articles and personal reminiscences about the history and congregational life at P.A.S.

For more information, kindly contact *Joan Schefler at 212-734-0444 or Jean Rosensaft at 212-988-5991.*

Calendar of Events October 2006

Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am;* **Mincha** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm*

Sunday, October 1 · *Erev* Yom Kippur
Light candles: 6:21 pm
10:00 am Sukkah Art/Decorating Workshop
10:00 am *Lulav/Etrog* Sale
1:30 pm *Mincha*
6:30 pm *Kol Nidre* Service
7:30 pm Sermon

Monday, October 2 · Yom Kippur
9:00 am Morning service
11:15 am (approx) Sermon
2:45 pm *Yizkor:* Lower Level
3:00 pm *Yizkor:* Sanctuary
4:15 pm *Mincha:* Sanctuary
4:45 pm *Mincha:* Lower Level
5:15 pm *N'ilah:* Sanctuary
5:45 pm *N'ilah:* Lower Level
7:15 pm Fast Ends

Tuesday, October 3
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
8:00 pm Expecting?/Rabbi Stern
8:00 pm Spiritual Journey/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Wednesday, October 4
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
6:00 pm Gallery Reception/Artist Archie Rand

Thursday, October 5
11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

Friday, October 6 · *Erev* Sukkot
Light candles: 6:13 pm
1:00 pm Offices close
6:15 pm Friday Evening service
6:30 pm Cong. Sukkah Shabbat Dinner $ ✆

Saturday, October 7 · Sukkot
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
9:30 am *Havurah* Service and Sukkot lunch
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm *Mincha*
6:30 Congregational Sukkah Dinner $ ✆
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Zahler, son of Karen Gantz Zahler and Eric Zahler

Sunday, October 8 · Sukkot
Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (1st day)
9:30 am YCG Sukkah Brunch R
6:30 pm Congregational Sukkah Dinner $ ✆
Kadima Sukkah Sleepover

Monday, October 9
Columbus Day (Offices closed)
Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (2nd day)
6:30 pm Congregational Sukkah Dinner $ ✆

Tuesday, October 10
Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (3rd day)
10:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
10:30 am Community Mitzvah Initiative
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
6:30 pm Men's Club/WEG Sukkah Dinner $ ✆

Wednesday, October 11
Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (4th day)
12:30 *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, October 12
Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (5th day)
11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn
6:30 pm CS Pizza Sukkah Dinner (All Grades)

Friday, October 13
Light candles: 6:02 pm
Hoshana Rabbah · Erev Shemini Atzeret
1:00 pm Offices close
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 14 · Shemini Atzeret
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Simchat Torah Celebration
9:15 am Sanctuary service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
12:00 Shemini Atzeret/*Yizkor* Memorial Prayers
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, October 15
Simchat Torah
7:00 am *Hashkama* service

Monday, October 16
6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew $ ✆
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew $ ✆
7:30 pm Interm. Mod. Hebrew $ ✆
7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 17
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
1:30 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club
8:00 pm Spiritual Journey/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Wednesday, October 18
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, October 19
11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn
5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Seminar

Friday, October 20
Light candles: 5:51 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening service
Children's Birthday service

Saturday, October 21 · *Parashat Bereshit*
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Halbfinger, daughter of Lynn and Martin Halbfinger
9:15 am Junior Congregation
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, October 22
10:00 am HS Social Action Program
Kadima and *Ruach* group event
Rosh Chodesh: It's a girl thing!

Monday, October 23
6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew $ ✆
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew $ ✆
7:30 pm Interm. Mod. Hebrew $ ✆
7:30 pm Moonbeams Meeting

Tuesday, October 24
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
1:30 pm Sisterhood Museum visit
7:00 pm Men's Club New Members Reception
8:00 pm Spiritual Journey/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Wednesday, October 25
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, October 26
Scholar-in-Residence Noam Zion
11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

Friday, October 27
Light candles: 5:41 pm
Scholar-in-Residence Noam Zion
Shabbat at Home exhibition starts
9:00 am Adult Ed Coffee
5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat*
6:15 pm Passionate Davening service
Following services Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Noam Zion $ ✆

Saturday, October 28 · *Parashat No'ach*
Scholar-in-Residence Noam Zion
7:30 am *Hashkama* service
9:15 am Sanctuary service
9:30 am *Havurah* service
10:00 am *Nitzanim* service
10:00 am *Shabbat B'Yachad* service
Scholars' Lunch after *Havurah* service ✆
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, October 29
Scholar-in-Residence Noam Zion

Monday, October 30
11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion Group
6:30 pm Conv. Hebrew $ ✆
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew $ ✆
7:30 pm Interm. Mod. Hebrew $ ✆

Tuesday, October 31
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:00 pm WEG Book Discussion program
8:00 pm Spiritual Journey Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Information and details are subject to change. Confirm at pasyn.org or with the office.

See page 3 for High Holy Day services schedule. See page 15 for school schedules.

Don't miss the Third Annual Great Synagogue Read-In!

This year's selection, "The Year Mom Got Religion: One Woman's Midlife Journey into Judaism" by Lee Meyerhoff Hendler is available now from the Family and Adult Education Office.

Contact *AdultEd@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600~ ext. 140 or ext. 142 to purchase your copy.*

Stay tuned for information about discussion groups during the week of November 6, when we will have our Annual Bookfair.

Pajama *Havdalah*

Saturday, November 11, 5:45 - 6:30 pm

A *Havdalah* service for pre-school aged children.

Mitzvah Day

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Sunday, December 3, 2006

Join the Park Avenue Synagogue community in celebrating Mitzvah Day. Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds to benefit those in need.

There will be something for everybody. As in the past we will be collecting goods to donate to charitable organizations as well as organizing the Parents' Association Flea Market. We will also sponsor our annual blood drive and of course, bake fresh cookies for donors. As always, there will lots of fun activities for all ages, 1 to 100: insightful discussions with our Clergy, off-site visits, arts and crafts, food collection, and numerous programs appearing for the first time. Please mark your calendars!

Contact *Julie Ruvkun at 212-737-7911 or jg2065@Columbia.edu; or Nancy Dolinsky at 212-988-2169 or nancyd@nyc.rr.com if you're interested in helping plan this year's event.*

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